

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As we move toward victory in our military engagement with Saddam Hussein's regime, we must begin to implement plans for post-war Iraq. The entire world has an interest in Iraq's future success and the participation of a wide and diverse group of countries can benefit Iraq's rebuilding efforts.

We stand behind your statement entitled "*A Vision for Iraq and the Iraqi People*" released on March 16, 2003 during the summit in the Azores Islands, to "...support an international reconstruction program to help Iraq achieve real prosperity and reintegrate into the global community," and "...to work in close partnership with international institutions, including the United Nations; our Allies and partners; and bilateral donors" in achieving this vision. We also support your agreement to urgently pursue "...new United Nations Security Council resolutions that would affirm Iraq's territorial integrity, ensure rapid delivery of humanitarian relief, and endorse an appropriate post-conflict administration for Iraq."

We agree that seeking prompt UN action in support of these goals will benefit the people of Iraq and support coalition forces in the immediate provision of humanitarian assistance. Further, UN involvement in post-war Iraq will help add international legitimacy and needed stability to a new, representative Iraqi government.

Recent actions by members of the international community indicate a strong desire to contribute to a post-conflict environment where Iraqis can live in freedom and prosper under democratic governance. As you know, at least some of the top leaders in the European Union are sincerely looking past heated divisions regarding the use of military action against Iraq, and are supportive of assisting the people of Iraq through the UN by humanitarian relief and through a reconstruction program. We believe there is now an opportunity for the United States to shape the UN role for delivery of such assistance in post-war Iraq and to effectively work toward consensus in the region and throughout the world.

Engaging the UN at this time is also an opportunity to bridge rifts in our international relationships while following through on our commitment to bring liberty and prosperity to the Iraqi people. Further, this action will serve to strengthen our ties with our allies as we continue in the war against international terrorism.

We thank you for your current efforts toward ensuring that the immediate needs of the Iraqi people are met, and we encourage your leadership in support of an international reconstruction program to help Iraq achieve democracy, prosperity and reintegrate into the global community.

Sincerely,

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